

SENATE BILL 3698

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 37 and Title 68, relative to teen pregnancy,
fetal and infant mortality, and low birth weight.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 142, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 68-142-210. Through direct administration or through contracting with service providers, and through consultation with the department of children's services, as appropriate, the department of health shall establish comprehensive teen pregnancy and fetal and infant mortality prevention pilot programs modeled after the Tennessee fetal and infant mortality review (FIMR) program and the Tennessee resource mothers program established under this part. The placement of such pilot programs within the state shall generate sufficient data to thoroughly measure and evaluate the overall efficiency and effectiveness of such programs. On or before April 1 of each year, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of children's services, as appropriate, shall report to the general assembly on implementation of the pilot programs and compliance with this part.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.